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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 24 January 1954, the barracks installation in Rosslau quartered about 3,500 troops. Between 20 and 24 January, trucks were frequently observed hauling bedsteads to the installation. New sheds were constructed inside the barracks area. During the same period, a group of about 25 to 30 men carrying small arms and field pack almost daily went from Rosslau toward Magdeburg. On 24 January, 500 to 600 men were led through town by a band. At about 11:15 a.m., 10 trucks, each occupied by 15 soldiers, drove from Rosslau toward Dessau.

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2. On 2 February, a unit of 8 T-34 tanks, about 40 trucks, 5 x 57-mm AT guns and 6 x 37-mm AA guns drove from Rosslau to the drill grounds west of the airport via Dessau, presumably for an exercise. 1
3. The following shipments were unloaded at Dessau railroad station at about 7:30 a.m.

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2 February: about 12 to 15 tanks

3 February: about 25 to 30 sedans and trucks

4 February: a large number of trucks with AA guns.

Having been unloaded, the columns drove toward southwest via Alten. Between 1:30 and 2 p.m. on 5 February, about 15 trucks loaded with ammunition boxes were seen in Dessau, driving toward Alten.

4. On 5 February, the cantonment east of Grosskuehnau quartered a small rear detail.

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5. [REDACTED] from 1 to 5 February, a large troop camp quartering about 1,000 men was established in the woods on either side of the Dessau-Aken road, about 3 km east of Aken. The soldiers were quartered in dugouts and the vehicles were parked in the open. 2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the barracks installation in Rossau still quartered the 7th Gds Tank Div.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. It seems that an exercise which also involved troops other than from the Dessau-Rossau post was held southwest of Dessau.

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